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 Winnipeg Man Falls Heir to Large Estate.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Thos. W. Brown, a former clerk of this city in poor circumstances, has fallen heir to an estate in Aberystwyth, Liverpool, England, valued at nearly £50,000.

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FEELING IS FAVORABLE TO SEWER BY-LAW.

Consensus of Opinion in the City as Gathered in a Series of Interviews Yesterday.

Ratepayers Impressed With the Necessity of Making Sanitary Conditions as Satisfactory as Possible.

I'll do anything to help out Victoria, and the by-law is certainly a beneficial measure."

THE COUNCIL A UNIT.

The Mayor and the individual members of the aldermanic board are all in favor of the by-law.

MR. A. D. BARNARD.

who is the father of the measure, asked for the submission of an argument in favor of the by-law, said:

"It is hardly necessary to ask me if in my opinion the by-law should be passed. I have said that my views on the subject are pretty well known."

"It must be admitted by every one who is at all conversant with the matter, that it is of the utmost importance to the welfare of the city that the by-law should pass."

"As matters stand at present, only about one-third of the city is properly drained, while the sanitary condition of the remaining portion is undeniably bad. I speak more particularly of the more congested centres of population, such as the Esplanade, James Bay, and Spring Ridge. I have not the exact figure by me just at this moment, but I think I am within the mark in stating that in these three districts alone there are something like 1,500 houses that have no proper drainage facilities."

"Now, although, fortunately, we have, thus far, escaped any very serious outbreak of disease, unless the present epidemic of two years ago can be called such, yet it is a fact that there are always some cases in our midst and we are taking desperate chances daily."

"The smallpox epidemic of about 10 years ago, will well remember the disastrous effect of the outbreak upon business generally in the city."

"It is only last Easter that the medical health officer of the city was compelled to order one of the city schools closed on account of the prevalence of smallpox among the pupils—and last year the maintenance of the isolation hospital cost the sum of \$3,000 in round figures."

"Moreover, we are trying to make our city an attractive one to the tourist, and it is only last Easter that the tourist association we made excellent progress in this direction last year. It is frequently stated that these visitors and many other strangers who come to the city are attracted to it by the large influx of population there will be likely to build homes in Victoria and set a permanent home. But they like to do so when they find that it is impossible as to two-thirds of the town to obtain proper sanitary arrangements."

"I met in Santa Barbara last winter a wealthy gentleman who informed me that he actually had plans prepared for

Looking to A Settlement

United States Minister in Venezuela Given Power by President Castro.

Germany Treats the Whole Question as of Small Consequence.

(London, Dec. 18.)—It is not supposed that anything definite has resulted from today's Cabinet meeting with regard to the transmission by the Government of the United States of Venezuela's request for arbitration. All negotiations are being conducted with extraordinary secrecy. The Associated Press is in a position to say that Great Britain is making efforts to induce the United States to guarantee Venezuela's compliance with the findings of arbitration. Inquiries made at the Foreign office suggest that the Cabinet meeting brought no response. The announcement that President Castro has entrusted United States Minister Bowen with full powers to arrange a settlement was received at the Foreign office with much interest. The dispatch which contained this announcement was immediately taken to the foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne. It apparently conveyed to the Foreign office officials the first definite news that such action had been taken.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—A fact which impresses the foreign observer here is the quiet indifference of the newspapers and people toward the Venezuelan affairs. No article on the Venezuelan affair. Today the news published is largely an abstract of what the London and New York papers are saying. The Germans appear to be astonished at the commotion in Great Britain and the United States over what is regarded here as a mere episode. They conveyed to the German press by their newspapers, however, that those who are there telegraph that Germany is seemingly without one friend in the country, and that the United States during the Spanish-American war. The popular feeling in Great Britain against co-operation with Germany is attributed here to the German people's bearing towards Great Britain during the South African war, but if public opinion has little concern as yet over Venezuela, the Foreign office here is extremely sensitive over the developments of public feeling abroad, and especially in the United States. The reason for delay in doing anything that may change the situation, either by rejecting the German proposition made through Minister Bowen, issuing blockade regulations, or taking any forward step is because it is thought better to remain passive for a few days and see how far public feeling in the United States will go. Indications are not wanting that the German government is seeking an expedient to get at a settlement as difficult without anything further happening to vex the people of the United States, whose good will is considered to be more important than the humiliation of Venezuela. Still, Germany must have her claims satisfied,

NEW STAMPS TO BE ISSUED

Seven Cent One Will Bear Queen Victoria's Head—False Reports.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—A seven cent stamp, yellow in color, appears in a few days. This new stamp will bear the Queen's head, the department not having yet decided a design for the King's head. The government has decided to make its appearance in the near future. Mr. John Costigan says his home rule resolutions of next session will have special reference to the land question. The government threatens to take steps to stop the sending out of false and malicious reports regarding alleged foot and mouth disease in Canada. Commissioner Hintonson and staff left for Vancouver today en route to Okanagan.

QUEEN BURNS.

Runs Aground in Narrows But Floats Again.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The steamer Queen, of the Pacific Steamship company, ran aground in the Narrows today en route to for. She was floated undamaged at high tide.

Complain About Reign of Terror

Evidence of Non-Union Men Given Before the Strike Commission.

Witnesses Give Stories of What Happened Then During the Strike.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 18.—The coal strike committee listed today to further testimony to show that a reign of terror existed in the anthracite coal fields during the five and half months of the mine workers' strike. About a score of witnesses were called during the two sessions by the attorneys for the non-union men. They told of serious boycotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men, and the burning of houses, and in most instances the witnesses testified that the alleged offenders were members of the miners union. The lawyers for the miners objected frequently to the admissions of testimony on hearsay, and sometimes objected because of irrelevancy of certain other statements. Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence but asked only to confine themselves in examining witnesses as far as possible to direct evidence. The commission, he said, was to be a storekeeper, a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied. The coward who will go to the storekeeper's shop to buy and tell them not to sell the necessities of life to a poor woman, usually seeks the obscurity that the law of evidence throws around him. If a girl is discharged from her position in the store because she rode in a street car in inclement weather while a strike was on, the coward who discharged her is coward enough to refuse to tell the truth. He recognized, he said, why some merchants will not come forward and tell who forced him to refuse to sell necessities of life to certain boycotted persons, but if he (Chairman Gray) were a storekeeper he thought he would risk this all in order to assist in breaking up the cowardly business.

August Schenck, of Hazleton, who worked for the Lehigh Valley company through the suspension, testified that he was attacked by a mob while he and his son were going to work, and that he was severely injured by being hit by rocks, that he was stabbed three times and had five ribs broken. He was acting as a coal and iron policeman at the time, but did not use his revolver because he was afraid of hitting his son, who was being held by the crowd at the same time. Many of these men, he said, were strikers. The son of witness corroborated the testimony of the father. Henry Vermilyea, of Dorrance town, said he was forced to join the union by the superintendent of the John C. Haddock Coal company, in order to keep peace at the colliery. This man before the strike began. Later he left

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83 GOVERNMENT STREET

HUGE INSURANCE.

Motive Assigned For R. C. Whayne's Suicide.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 18.—It developed today that R. C. Whayne, a business man who was found dead last night in the vicinity of Jacob Park, with a gunshot wound in his breast, carried insurance on his life of \$200,000, and had applications pending for \$50,000 more. It was upon the fact that Mr. Whayne carried such a large life insurance, and was said to be suffering from rheumatism, that the theory of suicide is based. Coroner Kelly went to the scene of the death today. He said the circumstances were such that the case would require exhaustive investigation. The inquest will be held on Saturday. Near Mr. Whayne's body, but on the opposite side of a wire fence, was a .38 of gun with one barrel empty, and the other loaded and cocked. His friends and family declare that death was due to accident, and that the gun was discharged while he was climbing the fence.

FIVE YEARS.

Sentence Imposed on Harry Forsythe at Maple Creek.

Maple Creek, N. W. T., Dec. 18.—Harry R. Forsythe, who yesterday was found guilty of having money on his person stolen from Dixon Bros' vault on August 6 last, was arraigned before Chief Justice Protheroe and received a sentence of five years penal servitude in Stony Mountain penitentiary.

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Blockade Tomorrow

Notice to Be Formally Given to Venezuela by the Powers.

A German Cruiser Seizes a Schooner at Entrance to Lake Maracaibo.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—It has been learned from an official source that the allies today will notify the Venezuelan authorities at La Guayra that blockade will become effective Saturday, December 20, at 3 p. m. of the ports of La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, Core, Maracaibo, Carupano and Maracaibo.

Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, has transmitted to the United States Minister a document signed by President Castro as constitutional president of the republic and countersigned by himself as Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which Mr. Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty. According to the terms of this document Mr. Bowen may act without restriction, and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela.

La Guayra, Dec. 18.—The German cruiser Falke, which has been anchored for the past two days at the entrance of Lake Maracaibo, today captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria. After cutting down her mainmast, thus disabling her, the Germans abandoned the vessel. This act has caused great indignation among the Venezuelans, and excitement runs high at Maracaibo, where the people have been burning the streets with cries against Great Britain and Germany.

The British cruiser Triton arrived here this morning. The British cruiser Indefatigable left here at noon today steamed in the direction of Trinidad.

The Hague, Dec. 18.—The Dutch cruiser Ruyter, which it was proposed to send to the West Indies, has been ordered to proceed to Venezuela to protect the Dutch interests there.

Washington, Dec. 18.—It was learned tonight that France has addressed a note to her chargé d'affaires at Caracas for submission to the Venezuela Government, stating the position she will maintain with reference to claims of her citizens against Venezuela. The note makes a distinction between claims arising before Castro's assumption of power and those arising since. The claims of France prior to Castro's administration, it is agreed, are already to be settled by arbitration. The claims arising since Castro became president are to be adjusted by the French minister at Caracas, and proper ministerial officers of Venezuela as to the claims prior to 1890.

Rome, Dec. 18.—King Victor Emmanuel granted an audience today to Commander de Novellis of the Italian cruiser Agordat, which has received orders to proceed to Venezuela. His Majesty said he hoped for a speedy ending without complications with regard to the claims of the Venezuelan affair. The Agordat will leave for the Caribbean in a few days.

London, Dec. 18.—W. M. Long, president of the local Government board, speaking at Westminster tonight, said that at no previous period had Great Britain's relations with foreign countries been more satisfactory than they were today. Mr. Long expressed himself at quite certain that there existed no danger of war or any straining of the present friendly relations between Great Britain and the United States. He said he believed the British Government was determined to avoid any rupture with Washington.

OVER A CENTURY.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Esther Dunn Jones died tonight, aged 105 years and 6 months. She was a native of Kildare, Ireland, and came to Canada 54 years ago.

STEAD AGAIN.

Doing What He Can Against His Own Country.

London, Dec. 18.—The executive committee of the British branch of the International Union passed a resolution this evening which was addressed by W. S. Stead, expressing regret that Bagnall had entered into the Venezuelan dispute without attempting to secure arbitration, and urging the people of the United States to protest against war being made upon any American state prior to the submission and refusal of an offer to arbitrate. Copies of the resolution will be sent to Lord Lansdowne and Secretary Hay.

UPSETS VERDICT.

Mr. Justice Martin Gives Judgment For Le Roi No. 2.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Judge Martin today upset the verdict given by the jury in the Hoskins-Le Roi case. The jury found in answer to one question that the company was responsible for negligence. The judge claimed that the fault of the surveyor was the fault of a fellow-servant of deceased, and under the common law principle the company was not responsible. He gave judgment with costs against plaintiff. The case is to be appealed to come up at Vancouver before the Full court.

LICENSING BOARD.

Results of Meeting For Richmond and Chilliwack.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The result of the meeting of the Richmond and Chilliwack licensing board, as follows: License for the Huntington hotel is granted. The license for the Abbottsford hotel was refused. The renewal of the Junction Inn and Sechelt hotel licenses in Richmond were granted. Mr. Shaffroth's hotel. The application for a new license for Gibson's Landing was refused.

Jas. Cameron Barton, of the customs staff and Miss Helen Fordie Johnson were married yesterday. Rev. J. M. McLeod officiating.

According to a report submitted to the Health committee the Chinese are now assembling here, evading the provisions in the Health Bylaw for proper ventilation of rooms. It is probable that the bylaw will be amended so as to require that every room be ventilated direct to the open air.

WOOLLEN MANUFACTURERS.

Complain That Not Enough Protection Is Given Industry.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—W. F. Humphrey's woolen mills near Moncton, N. B., in an interview here today said that for several years 75 per cent. of the woolen manufacturers had been in very bad shape and conditions would not be improved until the government gave them the measure of protection that other industries enjoyed. Such relief had not been afforded, he declared, because most woolen manufacturers were Conservatives. If they were Liberals they would not be handicapped. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association have decided to appoint agents at Montreal, St. John and Halifax, whose duty it will be to see that goods sent to members of the association are shipped to their destinations with all possible despatch.

F. A. Macdonald, ex-mayor of Toronto, died tonight, aged 44 years.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

Prorogued Yesterday—Speech From the Throne.

London, Dec. 18.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon. Only a score of members of the House of Commons were present when Black Rod summoned the Lower House to the House of Lords to hear the King's speech, which was a unusually long one, containing public events since January, including the action taken in connection with Venezuela, regarding which the speech said:

"I regret that the constant complaints which my Government have found necessary to address to the Government of Venezuela in regard to its refusal to allow the free importation of British subjects and property during the last two years have been persistently disregarded, and that it has become necessary for my Government to take the course with that of His Imperial Majesty the German Emperor, which also has caused for complaint against the Republic, to insist on measures of retaliation."

The speech refers to the conclusion of the South African war, and adds: "There seems to be every reason to hope that material prosperity, greater than any the President and Congress have yet experienced, may visit these regions and that all sections of the population may live together in friendship, each other and loyalty to the Crown."

Paragraphs dealt with the postponed coronation, the colonial conference, and the Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's tour, which are expected to be of the " utmost value, both in respect to its immediate effect and as precedents in the future."

Other topics touched upon were the expedition against the Mad Mullah, the acceptance by Chili and Argentina of the British boundary awards, the Brussels sugar convention and the alliance between Great Britain and Japan. "Which I believe will be of advantage to both countries and contribute to the maintenance of general peace in the extreme East."

The Anglo-Chinese treaty is referred to as promising to "secure, not only for this country, but for the commerce of the world, valuable facilities and advantages."

REPORTED SALE OF COLLIERIES

Report from San Francisco that New Vancouver Coal Co Have Sold Out.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 18.—The reported sale at San Francisco today of the New Vancouver Coal Co property was one of the topics of discussion here. Others are so busy pending the return of Supt. Robins, who is expected on Saturday, but they say they are not surprised at the news. The collieries are the only local industry, and business men are anxious to know what is in store for the town. The inclination is to believe it is merely a re-organization of the mining, producing and distributing agencies, vice-president, management, and local agents expressed that the deal does not show the retirement of Superintendent Robins.

Coal has been mined here since 1853. In 1862 the Vancouver Coal company began extensive operations. In 1882 Mr. Robins came out as superintendent, and shortly after the company re-organized as the New Vancouver Coal company. Three years ago they secured an extensive title to coal seams extending over the foreshore of the harbor and inland. The company owns large areas in and around the city. Newcombe, Proteus Island, part of Gabriola and Valdez islands, and the Harwood estate, consisting of 9,000 acres. Much of this is coal land, and much is covered by magnificent timber. The extent of the company's domain and valuable water frontages cause the reported figures of the sale at \$1,500,000 to be doubted. This sum is just about the capital stock of the company, on which it has paid during recent years good dividends. Nothing is known here of the new company. Further details of the deal are awaited with keenest interest.

The report from San Francisco yesterday was to the effect that a deal had been consummated at that place by the Vancouver Coal company, with a capital of \$1,500,000, to purchase all the property of the Vancouver Coal company at Nanaimo, besides the barges, bunkers and other boats. The deal was made by the Vancouver Coal company, and the business of J. C. Wilson & Co., and Howard & Co. of Oakland. The new officers named are John L. Howard, president; W. H. Adams, vice-president; D. J. Norcross, secretary, and it is reported the company will increase the capacity of the mines at Nanaimo immediately.

COMING TO CANADA.

The Kind of Immigrants Who Are Welcome.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—A Toronto Telegram cable says: "A number of reservists who were out of employment by reason of their service in the South African war, sailed yesterday from Liverpool by the Elder-Dempster steamer Lake Ontario to settle in Canada."

TO SETTLE TROUBLE.

Proposal For United States to Guarantee Payment by Venezuela.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Shaffroth, Colorado, appeared before the committee on foreign affairs to urge action on a joint resolution authorizing the President to propose to Great Britain and Germany to submit their claims against Venezuela to arbitration, and to guarantee the payment of the Venezuela debt. Shaffroth said that war in Venezuela would make a violation of the Monroe doctrine possible. He expressed the opinion that the trouble in Venezuela would not end until the United States guaranteed payment of whatever demands may be made.

"IT IS SAID."

Report That Boers Will Emigrate to the United States.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Nearly 9,000 Boers are preparing to immigrate to the United States and will settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. The representative of this movement is General Samuels, President of the South African Republic, whose headquarters are in New York. Colorado friends of the Boers have been in communication with General Samuels, and he has agreed to send a party of settlers, and General Devilliers, who is now looking over the lands has expressed himself as very favorably impressed with the state.

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+ and nets, latest patterns, at Mrs. +
+ W. H. Adams, 78 Douglas street. +

EARTHQUAKE.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 18.—Two violent earthquake shocks were experienced this morning. There were no casualties.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Presbyterian Committee Has Prepared Estimates.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Presbyterian Foreign Mission committee has prepared estimates for 1903, totalling \$150,000. Reports from various missions showed encouraging conditions.

JAILS RELEASED.

Orders Sent to Westminster from Victoria.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Japanese arrested near Hainan and held at Westminster were released today under orders from Victoria.

DON CARLOS.

Will Resign His Claims in His Son's Favor.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—The Herald of today says that Don Carlos purposes to renounce his claim to the throne in favor of his son, Don Juan.

BANK CLERK ARRESTED.

Charged With Defrauding by False Checks.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Robert Haley, ledger keeper in a local branch of the Bank of Commerce, was arrested tonight charged with defrauding the Dominion Express Co. by means of forged checks drawn on the bank for \$200.

FOULED BY WARSHIP.

Medoe in Collision With French Cruiser.

Toulon, Dec. 18.—The steamer Medoe collided with the French cruiser La Touche Treville as she was leaving port in the morning. The Medoe was in a dangerous position. Heavy seas were now breaking over the Medoe, which has on board 233 passengers for the East Indies.

UNITED STATES PACIFIC CABLE.

Silvertown Reported Making Good Time.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The Associated Press has received the following cablegram from its correspondent on board the cable ship Silvertown, dated at noon today: "Position at noon, lat. 30.14 N., long. 133.30 W. Since noon yesterday 207 knots of cable have been laid, making the total laid 602 knots. The weather is good, and the ship's speed eight knots."

63-65 Yates street. Victoria, B. C.

STODDART'S CATALOGUE

Diamonds

In the Most Dazzling Combinations

WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY

and a Complete Line of

The Genuine

"1847 Rogers Bros."

Spoons, Forks, Etc.

Eyes carefully examined and properly fitted to the best grade of glasses.

Fine Repairing.

Christmas Goods

BRIEF BAGS, 16-inch and 18-inch \$7.00 and \$8.00

SURGICAL BAGS, 16-inch \$15.00 and \$16.00

LARGE TRUNK FOR LADY \$15.00 and \$16.00

UMBRELLAS All Prices

FOX PUTTIES, with spat \$3.50

FOX PUTTIES, without spat \$2.00

ARTHUR HOLMES

78 Yates Street, Corner Broad

SILVERWARE

A large consignment arrived last night. Every article fully warranted and marked low enough to sell at Christmas.

E. ANDERNACH

92 GOVERNMENT STREET

LAWRENCE GOODACRE & SON

JUST RECEIVED, A CARLOAD OF

Turkeys and Geese

For Christmas

We will have the grandest display of choice Meats and Island Turkeys ever shown in the Province. See our decorations on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Queen's Market

Silver Coffee Set Free

With every cash purchase of \$3.00 will be given coupon, entitling holders to one chance in drawing for a valuable 4-piece Silver Coffee Set. Drawing to take place December 31st.

W. B. Shakespeare,

The Reliable Jeweler,

74 Yates St.

N. B.—See Coffee Set in our show window.

RIPANS

For years I had been a sufferer with chronic stomach trouble, pressure of gas, and distress of my bowels. I contracted what the doctors pronounced a low type of malaria. I could not take solid food at all, and only a very little of the lightest of diet would create fever and vomiting. The druggist sent me a box of Ripans Tablets, saying he sold more Ripans than anything else for stomach trouble. I not only found relief, but believe I have been permanently cured.

Richard Carvel

Dramatized from Winston Churchill's novel.

Prices 25c, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Sale of seats opens on Wednesday morning at the Victoria Book & Stationery Store.

DOLL DRAWING.

MRS. M. A. VIGORS,

COLUMBIA HOUSE

81 Douglas Street.

One Chance Given for every Cash Purchase of \$1 for the Prettiest doll in town.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in the Matter of the Lenora-Mount Sticker Copper Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, and in the Matter of the Winding-Up Act and Amending Acts.

The Honorable Mr. Justice Irving has by an order dated the 15th day of December, A. D. 1902, appointed John Samuel Henry Matson of the McGregor Block, in the City of Victoria, to be the official liquidator of the above-named Company.

Dated the 18th day of December, A. D. 1902.

B. H. TYRWILLIT DRAKE, Registrar.

TO ENGINEERS.

METALLIC TACKING RINGS.

(Huhn's Patent.)

Makes tight joints against water, steam, gas, air, ammonia, acids, etc. Fitted to rods from 1-12 inch diameter upwards. No scratching of rods, durable and resists any temperature up to 900 degrees Fahr. Once tried always used. Agents: Marine Iron Works, Pembroke Street, Victoria. Andrew Gray, Proprietor. Works Tel. 681. Res. Tel. 100.

Now is your chance to get Xmas Presents

We have the finest Dolls in the City; also Leather Purses, Chatelaines, Writing Cases, Pipes, etc., at prices never offered before. Everything reduced, and must be sold.

Cashmore's Book Exchange

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1902.

PUBLISHED BY
The Colonist Printing & Publishing
Company, Limited Liability.
No. 27 Broad Street - - - Victoria, B. C.
PERCIVAL R. BROWN, Manager.

The Daily Colonist.

Delivered by carrier at 20 cents per week,
or mailed postpaid to any part of Canada
(except the city) and the United States at
the following rates:
One year \$9.00
Six months 5.00

Semi-Weekly Colonist.

One year \$1.50
Six months75
Three months40
Sent postpaid to any part of Canada or
the United States.
Terms, strictly in advance.

Notice to Advertisers

ADVERTISING RATES.
A line of text - 14 lines to the inch.
READING NOTICES - 20c. per line each
insertion, or \$2 per line per month.

TRANSIENT AND LEGAL ADVERTISING -
10c. per line for first insertion, and
5c. per line for each subsequent consecutive
insertion, otherwise 10c. per line each in-
sertion. Preferred positions extra, accord-
ing to page, etc.

LIBERAL DISCOUNT on yearly and half-
yearly contracts. For rates, etc., apply at
the office.

FINANCIAL, INSURANCE AND COM-
PANY REPORTS - 15c. per line for 100
lines or under; over 100 lines, 10 per cent.
discount on each additional 100 up to 500;
500 lines or over, 10c. per line. Reports
published in the Daily will be inserted in
one of the Semi-Weekly editions for 50 per
cent. additional to the Daily rate.

CONDENSED ADVERTISING (classified) -
One cent, a word each insertion; 10 per
cent. discount for six or over consecutive
insertions. (Classified with order, ad-
vertisement inserted for less than 25c.)

BUSINESS or PROFESSIONAL CARDS -
Of four lines or under, \$2 per month.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS -
\$1 each, including insertion in the Daily
and one of the Semi-Weekly editions.
No advertisement charged to account for
less than \$1.

\$25.00 REWARD

Will be paid for such information as
will lead to the conviction of anyone
violating the Colonist newspaper from
the door of a subscriber.

THE SEWER BY-LAW.

The following are some of the reasons
why every ratepayer should cast a vote
for the Sewer By-law today:

1. It provides revenue to borrow
enough money to complete the sewerage
system all over the city.
2. It does not add to general taxation.
3. It will enable the city to be kept
clean at a less cost than at present. The
city is either not kept clean or keeping
it clean is much more costly than in-
terest and sinking fund on the cost
of construction of a sewerage system.
4. It will diminish the risk of an
epidemic of disease.
5. It will increase the value of prop-
erty in Victoria.
6. It will render Victoria more desir-
able as a place of residence and more
attractive to tourists.
7. It does away with all injustice to
ratepayers who are charged with the
cost of sewers from which they derive
no benefit.
8. It is a financially sound proposal.
The income derived will balance the ex-
penditure incurred.
9. It places no severe or unequal bur-
den on anyone.
10. It has the unqualified support of
every one who gives municipal matters
any attention and who has the interests
of the city at heart.

MINERAL PRODUCTION.

The Nelson Tribune, which is usually
well informed about all matters pertain-
ing to British Columbia, and particu-
larly about all matters pertaining to the
mining industry of British Columbia,
publishes an estimate of the production
of our metalliferous mines for 1902, in
which it places the value of the output
at \$10,000,000, which, it remarks, is
about the same as last year. The value
last year was \$15,000,000, with coal in-
cluded \$20,000,000. The Tribune ap-
pears to have thought it was \$15,000,000
with coal included. We agree with the
Tribune that the mineral output will have
about the same value this year as last,
and that those who estimate an increase
of twenty-five per cent. are simply
guilty of raising expectations which are
doomed to disappointment. But at the
same time it is not a hard matter to
show where in its detailed estimate
the Tribune has made very serious mis-
takes. If the mineral output of British
Columbia is as valuable this year as
last, that will really show very remark-
able progress. Because it has been sub-
ject to two very damaging factors, first,
a shrinkage in the value of every ton
produced through a decline in the value
of the metals it contains, and second,

a shrinkage in the number of tons pro-
duced in some mines through certain
grades of ore having become unprofit-
able. Boundary and Camp McKinney
the Tribune estimates at \$3,000,000. We
venture to think \$3,750,000 will be
nearer the figure. Last year the Ross-
land ores averaged over \$15 gross value.
This year they are fully as high in spite
of the decrease in copper, so that the
value of the Rossland output may be
placed at \$5,000,000. Strangely enough,
the Tribune estimates the Slocan out-
put at \$1,800,000, as compared with \$2-
200,000 last year, with the Ainsworth
district included. It is a remarkably
good showing, if justified by the figures.
East Kootenay is credited with \$250,-
000, as compared with over a million
and a half, and Nelson with \$400,000,
as compared with a million and a quar-
ter, both very heavy declines, which
probably, however, from various causes
have taken place. The Lardeau is left at
practically the same figure as last year,
\$100,000. Cariboo, Cassiar and the
Coast are included in one sweeping
generalization of \$2,000,000. Cariboo is
affected unfavorably by the failure for
this year, of the largest company op-
erating there, but favorably by the suc-
cess of many smaller concerns. Its out-
put may safely be placed at \$450,000.
Cassiar has been very prosperous, and
\$650,000 is a fair estimate of its con-
tribution. The Coast produced \$682,839
last year. If the ore shipped from the
Tye mine, and just now begun to be
treated, is included in this year's figures,
as it should be, it is safe to say that
the mineral output of the Coast will be
increased this year to the value of \$1,-
000,000. We may add \$600,000 for
building stone, brick and other minerals,
and \$6,000,000 for coal. The total is
thus twenty millions, practically the
same as last year. Metalliferous mines
show a decrease, offset by an increase in
coal. This estimate is not based on any
information derived from the Mines
Department, but simply upon an esti-
mate of tonnage and value derived from
newspaper reports. It is not in any de-
gree whatever official or inspired, and
it may be very seriously in error, not
however, we imagine, in the direction
of an over-estimate. But the information
available is so meagre and in every-
way inadequate, that it is impossible to
make a forecast which is really accu-
rate and reliable. We should not have
attempted any forecast at all, had we
not been satisfied that the Tribune had
entirely overestimated the effect upon
the mining industry of the various
causes of depression which have been
active during the last year.

THE LEAD INDUSTRY.

There is no uncertain sound about
the resolution passed by the silver-lead
miners of British Columbia at
Sandon on the 10th of December. It
reads as follows:

1. Whereas, the silver-lead industry
of British Columbia, notwithstanding the
usual richness of the ore, the proved
continuity of the veins, and the favor-
able natural conditions of mining in the
province, is, and for some time has
been, in a declining condition, which,
if not ameliorated, will end in total
stagnation; and
2. Whereas, the lead mining camps of
the United States, and particularly
those in the adjoining state of Idaho,
are, and for years have been enjoying
great prosperity, due to a protective
tariff conserving the home market; and
3. Whereas, the silver-lead mining in-
dustry has been for some years of na-
tional importance, and, unless allowed to
decline, will speedily attain to a much
greater degree of importance, benefi-
ting by its increased expenditure, the
trade and advancement of both Eastern
and Western Canada; And
4. Whereas, our domestic market for
the manufactured products of lead is
chiefly supplied from the producers of
ores mined in Mexico and Europe;
where the labor cost of production is
much lower than in this country; a con-
dition of affairs permitted by the
inadequate protection afforded by the
existing tariff; while the prices of white
lead, lead pipe, sheet lead and shot, in
the Dominion of Canada, are approxi-
mately equal to the prices charged for
the same commodities in the United
States, all to the detriment of the pro-
ducers, consumers, and transporters of
lead in this country; and
5. Whereas, under the existing tariff,
little or no protection is afforded to the
lead producing industries; whilst ade-
quate protection is afforded to all other
industries of equal importance, known
to us;
6. Whereas, these conditions result in
the exportation of a preponderance of
our crude ore and bullion, the former to
American smelters and the latter to the
markets of the world; there to enter in
competition with the products of
cheap European and Mexican labor, and
the surplus product of the protected
lead industry of the United States;
7. Therefore, we, the silver-lead miners
of British Columbia in convention as-
sembled, do hereby recommend and re-
quest that the Government of Canada
impose a tariff which will afford ample
protection to the producers, manufactur-
ers and transporters of lead, thereby creat-
ing and fostering a new and expansive
market for the world; there to enter in
competition with the products of na-
tional trade and commerce.

Having in view the interests of the
producers, manufacturers and consumers
of lead, we would recommend a duty
equal to that imposed by the United
States, viz.:
On lead in ore, 1 1/2 cents per pound.
On lead in bullion, pigs, bars, and old
lead, 2 1/2 cents per pound.
On lead in sheets, pipe, shot, etc., 2 1/2
cents per pound.
On white lead, etc., 2 1/2 cents per
pound.
On all other products of lead as pro-
vided in the Dingley Tariff Act of July
24, 1897.

Provided always that if at any time
it shall be found that a combination
has been formed for the purpose of un-
dermining the charges made for smelt-
ing lead ores produced in Can-
ada, or for refining or marketing lead
ore, or if the charges for smelt-
ing and refining in Canada is proved ex-
orbitant, then the Governor-General-in-
Council may at his discretion permit
the admission into Canada of lead bul-
lion smelted and refined, or smelted or
refined in foreign countries, from Can-
adian lead ores, upon payment of an
ad valorem duty of 15 per cent. upon
the cost of such smelting and refining.
8. And the secretary is hereby in-
structed to forward copies of the fore-
going resolutions to the senators and
members of the Dominion parliament,
representing British Columbia, with the
request that they present the same to
the federal government as a memorial
with their endorsement.

LOUIS PLATT,
Secretary silver-lead mine owners'
meeting.
Held at Sandon, B.C., December 10th,
1902.

We are glad to see that the mine own-

CHEAP, EFFECTIVE, PALATABLE.

"APERTA"

HUNGARIAN NATURAL APERIENT WATER.

A Wineglassful a Dose.

Sole Exporters: THE APOLLINARIS CO., Ltd., London.

The following letter has been re-
ceived by us from the Upper Country:

Ymir, Dec. 15, 1902.

Gentlemen: The goods ordered
from you came in good condition
and certainly were choice---the
prices too were right.

Such is the testimony we receive
from all points to which we ship.
ERSKINE, WALL & CO.

Telephone 88.

The Leading Grocers.

New Goods---Holiday Prices

CURRENTS, 3 lbs. for 25c.
MIXED PEEL, per lb. 15c.
SEEDED RAISINS, per lb. 10c.
BALANCE ALMONDS, per lb. 40c.
JORDAN ALMONDS, per lb. 60c.
MIXED NUTS, per lb. 20c.
ARMOUR'S MINOR MEAT, per package 10c.

WATSON & HALL

Telephone 448.

55 Yates Street

Turkeys to Burn

THE B. C. MARKET

Have Secured all the

FINE, FAT

ISLAND TURKEYS



PRICES VERY REASONABLE

The Quality of Our Goods

-AND-

Our Prices Do the Business

CURRENTS, cleaned, 3 lbs. for 25c.
MINCE MEAT, Armour's, pkg. 10c.
NUTS, first quality, per lb. 20c.
APPLES, fancy table, per box \$1.00
B. C. CREAMERY BUTTER, per lb. 30c.

OUR WINES AND LIQUORS ARE THE BEST.

THE SAUNDERS GROCERY CO., LTD. PHONE 39 & 41 JOHNSON ST.

ers have at last founded their agitation
upon a rock. The principle of the na-
tional protection of industry may be
right or it may be wrong, but it is a
reasonable principle, capable of uni-
versal application, not confined to one
section or one industry, and seven-tenths
of the people of Canada believe it to be
right. For the first time in history the
people of British Columbia will be
heartily and unanimously upon the side
of the silver-lead mine owners of Koo-
tenay, and ready to lend a hand to re-
store the industry in which the people of
the country, as well as the mine owners,
are so vitally interested, from the wholly
unreasonable and avoidable difficulties
under which it labors. In the low price
of silver and lead the industry has quite
enough that is unavoidable to contend
against, without being swayed by alien
transportation companies, smelters, re-
finers and bullion brokers, who give no
advantage to the Canadian consumer
for the heavy loss they inflict upon the
Canadian producer.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.
Sir,--In anticipation of the removal of
the Fire Department from the
Market Building, the looking to the
future of our city, might I suggest the
advisability of the incoming Council con-
sidering the conversion of the present cen-
tral fire hall, and the erection of a very
modern city hall that would be a credit
to the city, at the same time as the Cen-
tral Library? A more suitable site than
that bounded by Douglas, Yates and View
streets for a set of buildings with main
entrance on the East side of
Douglas street there cannot be,
and I am sure no such other suitable
block of land for the purpose could be ob-
tained at a more reasonable figure than
the one I mention would cost, and the sale
of city lands that are not required would
assist greatly towards the expense.
S. Y. WOOLTON.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

ROSSLAND LIBRARY.
From Rossland Miner.
One of the principal features of the City
Council meeting was the reception and ap-
proval of the lease to be executed jointly
between the corporation and the Sons of
St. George, whereby the society secured the
library premises at the fire hall for the
reading room and library which it has un-
dertaken to establish. The lease provides
that the corporation shall have and hold
the library premises for a period of five
years, but that if the society shall be in-
debted to the corporation shall have the
right to terminate the arrangement at any
time upon giving one month's notice, and
that the corporation is not to be liable
for any damages or compensation by reason
of such termination. The Sons of St.
George undertake to keep the library pre-
mises in repair, and not to assign or sub-
let without permission. The franchise is to
be furnished and maintained by the society
free library and all furniture, fixtures,
books or literature placed in the premises

SPENCER'S

Have you been to see Spencer's new store yet?
There are a lot of people, mostly gentlemen, who never feel at
home in a drygoods store.

We invite you to join the crowds today. If you are busy during
the day come along tonight. It will do you good to see such a large
store full of people. It speaks well for Victoria. You won't be asked
to buy as soon as you enter the store. We want you to feel free to
walk about and be attended to when you wish.

FEATURES OF THE NEW STORE.

Largest store building on the Pacific coast in Canada or the United
States. Largest store in Canada west of Toronto.

Has a floor space of 93,400 square feet. If the floor space was re-
duced to a store 16 feet wide it would reach a distance 1 1-2 miles long
or from Government almost to the Fair Grounds.

The average size store in Victoria is 20 x 60. The floor space of
the "Spencer Store" is equal to just 78 of such stores.

Covers 2 1-2 acres of floor space. It has taken 94 miles of flooring
boards to cover the floor. Lumber used, if put into flooring boards
would make a strip 389 miles long, or equal to the length and breadth of
Vancouver Island. 11,900 square feet of glass; 117,600 square feet of
sheet metal, including metal ceiling; 204,000 lbs. of structural iron.

Handkerchiefs

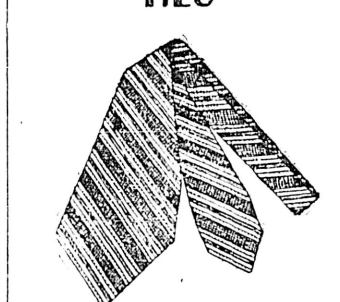
SPECIAL BARGAINS TODAY.
Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, tape
borders.
25 dozen usual price 15c; TODAY, 10c.
38 dozen usual price 25c; TODAY, 15c.
41 dozen Soft Silk finished Lawn
Handkerchiefs, with hand-worked
silk initial; usual 15c; TODAY, 10c.
Gentlemen's size usual price 25c; TODAY, 15c.
Ladies' Linen and Lawn Initial
Handkerchiefs; usual 20c; TODAY, 15c.
We have the following initials A. B.
C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N.
O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.
25 Boxes of Old Kinds of Embroid-
ered Handkerchiefs; were 12 1/2
and 15c; TODAY, 10c.

A FEW SPECIAL VALUES

regular stock, hemstitched

Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs,
25c. each
Men's Twilled Silk Initial Handker-
chiefs, 25c. each
Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs,
15c. and 25c. each

TIES



English Squares. See window for
value, at 50c.
It keeps three clerks on the go most
of the time selling ties alone.
There must be some cause for this.
We have a splendid assortment.

NEW TODAY

Ladies' Sweaters, White, Red and
Mixed colors, \$2.25 and \$2.50



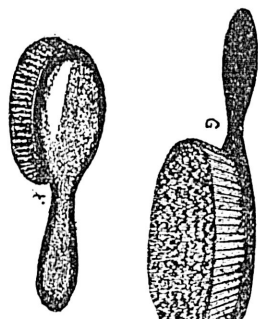
A Genuine Black Seal Purse, \$1.00 each
SPECIAL, 85c.

Shoe Department

Ladies' Bedroom Handkerchieved Slip-
pers, in great variety, \$2.50 pair
Gentlemen's fancy Leather and Vel-
vet Slippers, 75c.
The best shoes for men that money
can buy, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$9.50

Toilet Goods

HAIR BRUSHES



Loonen's Ebony Hair Brushes, solid
back, real bristles, 75c. to \$2.25 each
Hand Mirrors, round shape, hovel
glass; special, 35c. each
Ebony Mirrors, silver mountings,
round and oval shape, plate glass
at \$1.00 and \$1.75 each
Burning Wood Mirrors, heavy plate
glass, \$2.50 each
White Celluloid Mirrors, a good line
at 50c. each
Dressing Combs, in white celluloid,
all large teeth,
..... 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25
Plain Black Dressing Combs, 65c.
Shell Combs, sterling silver backs,
..... 75c. to \$1.25
Soap Boxes, white Celluloid, 20c. each
Big assortment of Photo. Trainers, gilt
with Red and Green Enamel, 50c. and 75c.

Fancy Work

Department

Special Today, Sale of

CUSHION TOPS

32 Cushion Tops, Satin and Silk em-
broided, several designs:
2 at \$ 1.50; TODAY, 75c.
3 at 2.00; TODAY, \$1.00
4 at 2.50; TODAY, 1.40
5 at 3.00; TODAY, 1.90
6 at 3.50; TODAY, 2.25
7 at 4.00; TODAY, 2.50
8 at 4.50; TODAY, 3.25
9 at 5.00; TODAY, 3.75
10 at 5.50; TODAY, 4.50
11 at 6.00; TODAY, 5.25
12 at 6.50; TODAY, 6.75

We will sell as well 11 Burnt Leather
Cushions, Indian head and other de-
signs:
1 at \$ 5.00; FOR, \$3.50
1 at 6.50; FOR, 4.50
1 at 7.50; FOR, 5.25
1 at 8.50; FOR, 6.50
1 at 9.50; FOR, 7.50
1 at 10.50; FOR, 8.75
1 at 12.50; FOR, 8.75

CHATELAIN BAGS



Black Seal Leather Bags, with chain.

SPECIAL, \$1.00

MILITARY BRUSHES

Special \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 in leath-
er case.

APRONS

At 20c.--Good quality Lawn Trimmed,
three rows insertion.
At 25c.--Good quality Lawn Trimmed,
three rows insertion.
At 35c.--Fancy Trimmed Lace, embroi-
dery and insertion.
Some Beauties at 75c. to \$1.50

Novelties for Christmas

We are showing a large assortment of HAND MADE and EMBROIDERED
GOODS for the Christmas trade, including LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, COLLARS,
CENTREPIECES, DOILIES, PINCUSHIONS, PHOTO FRAMES, etc. Also Chil-
dren's SILK COATS, DRESSES and BONNETS, and a full line of FLANNELLETTE
UNDERWEAR.

MRS. W. BICKFORD,

61-63 Fort street.

The Rosella Hydraulic Mining & Development Company Ltd.

REGISTERED OFFICE, 19 BROAD STREET, VICTORIA.

The prospectus of the above company is published. If you are in-
terested in mining, here is a bona fide investment.
Shares are 25c. each. Only a limited number will be sold at this
price.

Mr. J. W. Haskins has gone East to Toronto and Chicago to con-
clude negotiations for the sale of several blocks of the Company's
Shares.
The first order for stock comes from Hamilton, for 25,000 shares.

NEW GOODS

GHOFFON VEILINGS,
MUSLIN AND LAWN PINAFORES,
LACE COLLARS AND TIES,
SILK AND LEATHER BELTS.

Mrs. W. Bickford

61, 63 Fort St.

MONEY TO LOAN

On inside property at low rates and on
residential property.
Insure in the Manchester Fire Assurance
Co.

SWINERTON & ODDY

15 BROAD ST.

ALEXANDRA ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC & ART

15 BROAD ST.

HERR PEJE STORCK

Music in all branches taught. Art
Dramatic Art and Physical Culture.

Fellow-Harvey, Bryant & Gilman
PROVINCIAL ASSAYERS,
Mining Engineers and Metallurgists
Ores analyzed. Control assays.
Properties examined and sampled.
Trial shipments. Sine 25c. tests.
Victoria--Dunsmuir Hotel.

WOMEN LOVE PERFUMES

Make at least one of them happy by presenting her with one of our Gift Packages of Choice Perfume for a Christmas present. English, French, Canadian and United States manufacture. Prices range 25c., 50c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 up. No trouble to show them.

CYRUS H. BOWES, Chemist,

98 GOVERNMENT STREET NEAR YATES STREET, TELEPHONE 425

In Flavor and Aroma Perfect

NUGGET CIGAR

PACIFIC CIGAR CO., 105 Johnson St.

J. E. CHURCH

Real Estate & Commission. 14 Trowace Avenue

Accident, Fire and Life Insurance.

ONE LARGE 12 ROOM HOUSE, suitable for boarding house; only \$2000. \$1000 can remain on mortgage. One four-room cottage, \$550; \$50 down, balance on mortgage.

BUSINESS LOCALS

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Closing Exercises In the Public Schools of the City.

Following are the hours for the closing exercises at the public schools:

10:30 a. m.—Hillside School.
10:30 a. m.—Spring Ridge.
10:30 a. m.—Rock Bay.
10:45 a. m.—Boys' Central.
11 a. m.—Victoria West.
11 a. m.—High School.
2:30 p. m.—North Ward.
2:30 p. m.—Central.

Joyous anticipation of the delights of Christmas will fill the minds of thousands of happy children this morning when they tumble out of their cosy beds, hurry into their clothes, snatch a hasty mouthful of breakfast and rush off to school to take part in the closing exercises. Teachers and scholars have worked in happy unison for the past week to make the Christmas breaking-up day a memorable event in school history, and in all the public schools, with the exception of the South Park, the pupils will give appropriate entertainments to their parents and friends. The South Park school is reserving its talents for the reopening after New Year, when a musical and elocutionary programme will be presented. The prizes won at the summer swimming contest will be awarded, and the results of the High School entrance examinations will be announced.

At the High School a public examination will be held in accordance with clause 8 of the Public Schools regulations. The boys of the Central will hold their closing exercises in the Pemberton gymnasium in the morning, and the girls in the afternoon when Rev. Dr. Baugh Allen will deliver a lecture on "How Christmas is Spent in Different Countries."

Kingston street school has been very prettily decorated by the pupils and teachers for the joyous ceremony of putting lesson books far out of sight to make way for Santa Claus and New Year's resolutions.

At the North Ward school the following programme will be given by the pupils, assisted by Prof. Haynes' orchestra:

Song—"The Maple Leaf" School Recitation—"Father Xmas" Four Boys Recitation—"The Old Year" Edith Yeo Song—"The Orphan Newsboy" Hazel Morrison Song—"Jolly Old Winter" School Recitation—"The Doll's Show" Girls Song—"My Kittie" Edith Lawrence, IX. Trio—"Misses Haynes, King Lawrence. Recitation—"Visitors From Storyland." Selection—"Concordia" Orchestra Song—"Carol, Sweetly Carol" School Recitation—"Her Hands" Ella Gill Song—"Mr. Frog" Girls Selection—"Gathering of the Gians." Orchestra Quartette—"Down in the Deep" 4 Girls Recitation—"Xmas Gifts" 4 Girls Duo—"Violin and Piano." School Recitation—"Juanita and Edward Sears Recitation—"The Bad Little Boys." Jemima Duncan Recitation—"The Purple Pupp Selection—"National Overture" Orchestra Presentation of Medals, Speeches. Song—"Happy New Year" School National Anthem. At the Hillside school an exhibition of the work of the children during the past term will be held after the regular programme. Teachers and pupils of all the schools extend a cordial invitation to parents, friends and well-wishers to honor their efforts by attending the closing exercises.

Local News.

Meet Tonight.—Sir William Wallace society will meet tonight in their hall and nominate officers for the coming term.

Contract Awarded.—H. J. Knott has been awarded a contract for a new Congregational church, corner of Pandora avenue and Blanchard street. The price is understood to be \$8,215.

Will Rebuild.—Major C. F. Dupont, whose block at New Westminster was totally destroyed by fire a few days ago, has decided to replace it at once by a modern structure.

Christmas Entertainment.—In Sample's hall this evening the children of the Victoria West Sunday school enjoy their annual Christmas treat. An attractive programme has been prepared and an evening of thorough enjoyment is anticipated.

Decides to Remain.—Professor Alexander, physiologist, whose lectures at A. O. U. W. hall have been so successful, announces his intention of remaining in the city until after the New Year. He will address an audience of men and boys at the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunday, December 27.

Disallowed.—An official communication reached His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor yesterday disallowing the acts passed at the last session of the legislature regarding the immigration of Asiatics. The disallowance of these acts was reported in the Colonist despatches from Ottawa on Sunday morning.

Organ Recital.—At the last of the advent series to be given at St. John's church after evening service on Sunday next, Mr. Longfield will have the assistance of the following vocalists: Mrs. Currie, Miss Lauren, Mr. A. T. Goward, and Mr. Gideon Hicks. Mr. Jesse Longfield will play a viola solo, and also the concluding organ solo.

A Correction.—In the Colonist report of the Blockmakers' dinner at Duncan's Mr. Dickie, M. P., was credited with having said that he had discovered anthracite coal on the Koksilah river. Mr. Dickie desires the Colonist to state that what he did say was that anthracite had been discovered on the Koksilah several years ago, and that he had recently acquired an interest in the property, and proposed to develop it in the near future.

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Jewish Services.—Divine service at congregation Emanuel, corner Blanchard and Pandora at 7:30 this evening. The subject of Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen's sermon will be "A plea for the Interchange of Pulpits." Service Saturday morning at 10:15.

For School Trustees.—The first advertised notice of intention to seek election to the forthcoming municipal elections appears in the advertising columns of the Colonist this morning. Alfred Huggest is inserting a card notifying the electors that he will again be a candidate for the position of school trustee.

Drill Hall Concert.—Basketball will be the extra attraction at tomorrow evening's promenade concert at the Drill Hall, when the next game in the Senior League series will be played between the Victoria West and Fernwood teams. An excellent musical programme, including a solo for euphonium by Bandmaster Macgregor, is being prepared by Bandmaster Finn.

Appropriate Donation.—Mrs. H. Marr, proprietress of the Boomerang hotel, yesterday devoted the secret that her philanthropic tendencies had led her in the direction of making a presentation to the inmates of the Protestant Orphan's Home, which will no doubt be largely appreciated by the juvenile inmates of that institution. The gift takes the shape of 100 toys of varied descriptions.

AN EIGHT HOUR DAY.

Ald. Yates' Scheme to Secure Adoption of Referendum Bylaw.

The bulletin board at the City Hall bears the following notice by Ald. Yates:

That the opinion of the electors of the municipality be taken at the ensuing election for Mayor and Aldermen, according to the provisions of the Referendum Bylaw, upon the question: Shall the standard working day on all corporation work be reduced to eight hours? and that upon the above question receiving an affirmative vote of 51 per cent. of the total number of votes, according to the voters' lists for municipal elections, the council will, within 60 days from the date when the said vote was cast, pass a resolution adopting eight hours as the standard working day on all corporation works.

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